

Curriculum Vita

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Employment

James I. and Jean Cook Professor of New Testament, Western Theological Seminary, 1995-
Interim Academic Dean at Western Theological Seminary, May 2015-June 2016
Academic Dean of Western Theological Seminary, July 1996-December, 2004
Associate Professor of New Testament, Western Theological Seminary, 1992-1995
Assistant Professor of New Testament, Western Theological Seminary, 1989-1992
Assistant Professor of Religion, Calvin College, 1988-1989
Associate Pastor, Faith Reformed Church, Traverse City, MI, 1980-1984

Education

Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 1989; Dissertation written on the Gospel according to John.
M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, 1980
B.A., The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1977

Ordination: Reformed Church in America, 1980

Primary Teaching Field: New Testament

Secondary Teaching Fields: Greek, Hermeneutics, Theological method, Theology and the Church, RCA Polity

Online presence: Accounts on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/jim.brownson>) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/Jim_Brownson), as well as a blog at <https://jimbrownson.wordpress.com/>. I have done extensive online teaching through Western's [distance learning degree programs](#).

Publications

Bible Gender Sexuality: Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships. (Eerdmans, 2013).

The Promise of Baptism: An Introduction to Baptism in Scripture and the Reformed Tradition. (Eerdmans, 2007).

“Gay Unions: Consistent Witness or Pastoral Accommodation? An Evangelical Pastoral Dilemma and the Unity of the Church.” *Reformed Review* 59:1 (Autumn, 2005).

StormFront: The Good News of God, [chapters two and three], (Eerdmans, 2003).

Although authorship is not named in the volume, I am the primary author/editor for five studies written by the RCA Commission on Theology and published in *The Church Speaks*, vol. 2, ed. By James I. Cook (Eerdmans, 2002). The studies

include: "The Use of Scripture in Making Moral Decisions," "The Crucified One is Lord: Confessing the Uniqueness of Christ in a Pluralist Society," "The Commissioning of Preaching Elders," "Moral Standards for Holders of Church Offices," and "Materials for the Study and Discussion of Homosexuality." Other more recent writings on behalf of the Commission on Theology for the General Synod (and published in the annual minutes of the General Synod) include "Belhar and 'Our Call'" (2009); "Spirituality and Hospitality: What the Church Can Learn by Welcoming Persons with Disabilities" (2007); and "Human Sexuality and Marriage" (2005);

Speaking the Truth in Love: New Testament Resources for a Missional Hermeneutic, (Trinity Press International, 1998)

"Only Grace," *Perspectives* 10:8 (1995)

"Narrow Gate, Wide Horizons," *Perspectives* 9:9 (1994)

"Speaking the Truth in Love: Elements of a Missional Hermeneutic," *International Review of Mission* LXXXIII: No. 30 (July, 1994) 479-504.

"Reflections on El Salvador," *Perspectives* 8:5 (1993)

"Thoughts on God-Language," *Perspectives* 8:3 1993

"What is 'The Gospel?'" *Reformed Review* 45:2 (1991) 85-106.

"The Virtuous Interpreter," *Perspectives* 6:9 (1991).

"How to Read a Parable," *The Church Herald* XLVII: no. 10 (November 1991), 8-9.

"Selecting a Translation of The Bible for Public Reading," *Reformed Liturgy and Music* XXIV:4 (1990) 191-194.

"Pastor, Which Bible?" *Reformed Review* 43:3 (1990) 204-216.

"The Odes of Solomon and the Johannine Tradition" *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 2 (1988) 49-69.

Book reviews published in *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, *Theology Today*, and *Reformed Review*

Honors, Awards

- Graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* "with high distinction" from the University of Michigan (B.A.)
- Received Henry J. Pietenpol Senior Excellence Award from Western Theological Seminary (M.Div.)
- Received the Ph.D. *magna cum laude* from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Professional Development

- Member of the Society of Biblical Literature